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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

19 February 1954

Present

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Members: [REDACTED] CIA, Chairman
[REDACTED], CIA
Stanley Wilcox, State
Richard Bauer, Army
Lt. Cdr. William C. Kruse, Navy
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force
John Anderson, AEC (for Dr. Charles Reichardt)

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Consultants: [REDACTED] CIA
[REDACTED], CIA
William Hudson, Navy (ONI)
Roger Keeney, Air Force (ATIC)
George Pughe, Air Force (AID, Library of Congress)

1. The twentieth meeting convened at 1000 hours, 19 February 1954 in Room 2125 M Building.
2. Minutes of the eighteenth meeting were approved.
3. Minutes of the nineteenth meeting were approved with the following amendments:
 - a. Army: Mr. Bauer presented for substitution to his previous statement a more complete record of Army's translation and exploitation facilities. This will be added to the permanent record of the Subcommittee and the statement in the minutes of the nineteenth meeting will be deleted.
 - b. Navy: Lt. Cdr. Kruse added that Navy has a scientific and technical unit moving between Berlin, Frankfurt and Heidelberg who exploit scientific literature of the Bloc and produce finished intelligence reports from it. These reports are passed to CIA. Translated tables of contents of books and periodicals not on regular subscription are forwarded with these items from the field.
4. Continuation of Item 1 on the Agenda:

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Army: Mr. Bauer stated that Army needs were similar to CIA specifications with a few exceptions as follows:

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a. Continuing requirements

(1) Accession lists, including a translation of the table of contents of all publications and a brief statement regarding the estimated value of each article and such information as would be essential for a researcher to determine whether exploitation was warranted. Normally, these accession lists should be published monthly, although certain books and monographs might be called to the attention of a researcher through the means of a verbal or written spot report.

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(2) Monthly collations or compilations of periodical information, based on statements of interest submitted by various elements of DA. These statements of interest would be selective, and would ideally be keyed to priority subjects or major gaps in scientific and technical information.

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(3) Annotated bibliographies of primary source material relating to fields of DA interest as reflected in general statements of interest.

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(4) Spot reports in the form of summaries, extracts, or abstracts and treating scientific and technical news items, notification of disappearance of periodicals or articles on specific types of material, fundamental changes in format or subject matter in a given publication, etc.

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(5) Biographic information on authors, their institution affiliations, and institutes of origin of scientific and technical articles. Factual or interpretive comments by FID researchers, labeled as such, might be useful, but would not be essential.

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(6) Periodic analyses of overall trends in various fields of science and technology, as indicated in the trade journals, in brief spot reports.

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(7) Photo coverage of clearly defined types of material which would indicate trends in research and development. These photographs might well be included in the Graphics Register report.

b. Specifically requested requirements

(1) Exploitation of specifically requested books, monographs, articles, etc., with the request as informal as possible to minimize delays.

(2) Specific searches in current and/or noncurrent publications in support of a project.

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5. Conclusion of Item 2 on the Agenda:

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CIA: [REDACTED] stated the current activities of FDD as follows:

a. USSR

(1) One hundred and thirty six Soviet scientific and technical periodicals are regularly exploited by FDD for information required by the IAC agencies as indicated in their guide and specific requirements. All Soviet scientific and technical periodicals obtainable are included in this program. Condensed information reports are produced from the more pertinent periodical items; all other items of clearly defined intelligence interest are abstracted.

(2) The more pertinent Soviet nonperiodical serials, books and monographs are exploited in token fashion, usually in the form of table of contents and several pages of abridged indicative information on the basis of specific requirements.

(3) In addition to the reporting outlined above, the following types of exploitation products are produced on the USSR as time and personnel considerations permit: collated reports, informational surveys, special bibliographies, reference works and research aids on selected subjects, scientific institutions, or components of Soviet science.

b. The Satellites

(1) Information on the Satellites is produced in comparatively small volume in response to specific requirements of the IAC agencies. No program exists as in the case of the USSR.

c. Requirements

(1) USSR - Very comprehensive guide-type requirements covering most of the scientific and technical subjects contained in the Soviet sources are presently assigned. Specific requirements on the USSR, while not so comprehensive subjectwise, are greater in number. Each of the above requirements play an equal role in generating the information issuing from FDD; guide-type play the larger role in abstracting; specific requirements play the larger role in information production.

(2) Satellites - Requirements on the orbit are small by comparison; specific requirements predominate both in number and in generating the flow of information.

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d. Publications produced by FDD include the [redacted]-Standard Report, Summary Series, Translation Series, [redacted] (unpublished), and Periodical Abstracts. All the above are disseminated or available to the IAC agencies.

e. Fifteen intelligence officers are available for the common service exploitation work. Search files are available to locate translated data on all areas and untranslated data on the USSR. Reference materials are adequate. No expansion is anticipated under present budgetary limitations. A full scale effort is made to avoid duplication with other exploitation facilities with considerable success.

6. Examination of Items 1 and 2 having been concluded, the Chairman suggested that the Subcommittee proceed with Item 3.

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[redacted] suggested that the Subcommittee consider his specifications of needs with a view toward reconciling agency needs point by point with those specifications and coming up with a unified statement of requirements.

The Chairman explained the accepted procedure of the Subcommittee in which each item on the Agenda had been examined point by point for each agency. Item 1 would cover the considered ideal for each agency covering what they needed. On this point there was no need for reconciliation or compromise as it was almost inevitable that there would be some difference between the needs of the respective agencies. That has been the experience of the Subcommittee to date. When the Subcommittee gets the statements from each agency of what is needed and what is being done we are ready to go into more detail on just what type of recommendations are to be made.

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At this point there was some discussion as to whether the agencies in stating their needs were in fact stating their individual requirements or were commenting on [redacted] specifications. The Chairman queried the members on this point and received the following answers:

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Navy: Yes. Our answer was in relation to [redacted] statement. We felt it covered more than we would ask for and we would have no additional requirements. We are not prepared at this time to indicate those items on [redacted] specifications not needed by Navy.

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Army: We feel that [redacted] specifications are the maximum needed by the seven technical services with slight modifications.

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Air Force: We were commenting on [redacted] paper, and feel that many of the stated needs can be satisfied with some modification or adaptation of existing services. Air would not be satisfied with just translated tables of contents, however, and would need descriptive annotations and abstracts of periodicals and books which would constitute an addition to the first item.

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██████████ suggested that thought should be concentrated on the using end and that the consumers as a task force go over the material in Item 1.

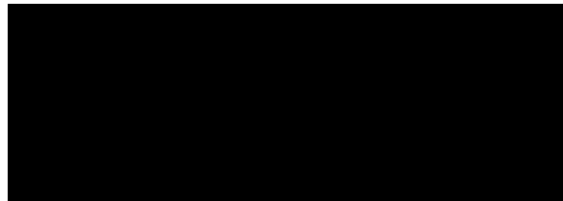
The Chairman pointed out that the Subcommittee was composed solely of representatives of the consumers and the collectors were only present as consultants. He as Chairman did not represent any office or interest; therefore, a task force was unnecessary and would be duplicative of the Subcommittee procedure.

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██████████ suggested that he and Mr. Bauer discuss the matter with a view toward presenting at the next meeting a satisfactory compromise on Item 1 between CIA and Army. Mr. Bauer suggested this could be done.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1430 hours, 19 February 1954. The next meeting on Item A of the agenda will be held at 1400 hours, 5 March 1954, Room 2125 M Building.

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